

\$1,000,000 Budget Submitted By City Manager

PUBLISHED EVERY SUNDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING

TORRANCE HERALD

—and 3 Companion Newspapers, Total Combined Circulation—22,868



Sunday and Thursday Home Delivered by Carrier 30 Cents Per Month

38th Year—No. 39

TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1952

PHONE TORRANCE 444

20 PAGES

DEATH CLUES SOUGHT, FIRST SUSPECT FREED

Witnesses Stories Free Murder Suspect

Detectives yesterday were continuing their search for clues which would de-mystify the death of a 46-year old upholsterer Monday night following an alleged brutal beating at a Carson St. trailer park.

Dead is Dudley Maxwell Solomon, of 603 E. 220th St. He died at Harbor General Hospital apparently because of a serious blow to the head which, police were told, was incurred during a heated fight late Saturday night.

Release Suspect

A murder suspect, Scott D. Kidd, 30, of 21427 S. Vermont Ave., was released late Tuesday by sheriff's officers after it was learned that he was asleep in a car during the purported fight. The battle supposedly took place in a trailer park at 618 E. Carson St. Two residents of the court told investigators that a man was down near the Kidd trailer, which was then parked at the Carson St. address.

A disturbance followed and soon after Solomon was seen to fall out of the door of the trailer. He was found lying on the cement pavement with a three-foot board across his chest, police reported.

Trailer Moved

Residents of the park told detectives that Mr. and Mrs. Kidd then moved their trailer to another park on Vermont Ave.

Planners Ask Approval of 321 New Lots

Approval for subdivision of 321 building lots by several various construction firms was asked of the Torrance Planning Commission last week.

Submitted by the January Company, a tract containing 172 lots at the southeasterly corner of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Crenshaw Blvd. was referred to committee for future study regarding the widening of several streets planned for the area.

Containing 119 lots, a tract submitted by R. B. Hedberg, to be built between 182nd and 174th Sts., and Crenshaw Blvd. and Casimir Ave. was approved subject to receipt of the house plans by the commission.

Two other proposed projects, containing 14 and 16 lots, were approved pending the completion of several minor changes by the builders. Truman Browne submitted the 14 lot tract, to be built at Sepulveda Blvd. near Reynolds Dr. Thomas Thorneburg asked for approval of the other, to be constructed on Redondo Beach Blvd. in North Torrance.

Surviving Solomon are his widow, Alta, of Oregon, three sons, one daughter, two brothers, Neal, of 603 E. 220th St., and Charles, of 626 W. 24th St., and two sisters, Ruth, of Hawthorne, and Lorraine, of Wilmington.

Attacker Guilty Of Assault On Woman

Raymundo B. Ramirez was found guilty of assault with intent to commit bodily harm on the person of Mrs. Pauline Wright, mother of a Torrance police officer, by a jury in Los Angeles Superior Court last week.

The jury, five men and seven women, freed Ramirez of a companion charge, rape. He will appear for sentence on July 17.

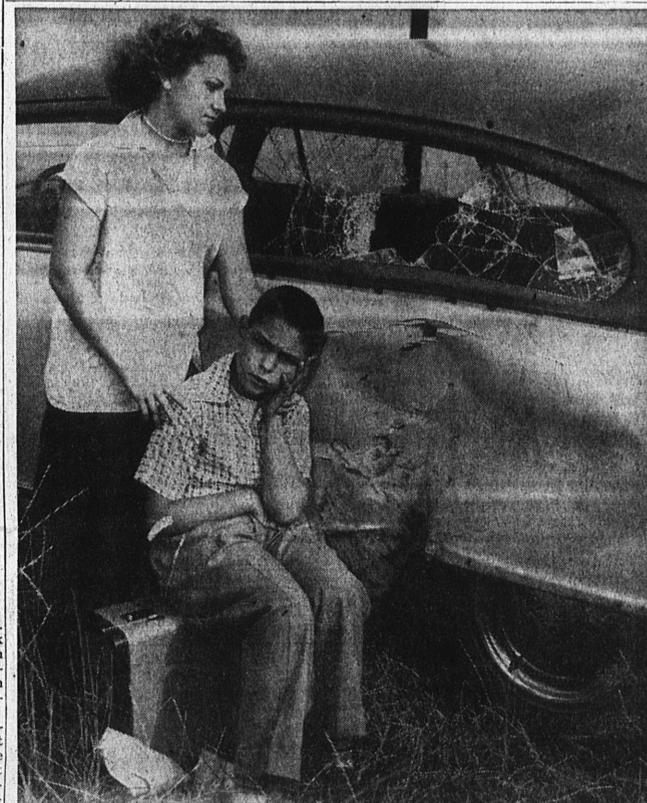
Testimony revealed that Ramirez jumped out of his auto last March 9 and assaulted Mrs. Wright, 44, who was walking near the Vermont Drive-In Theater, 182nd St. and Vermont Ave. Mrs. Wright's cries were heard by sleeping firemen in a nearby fire station who ran to her aid.

The suspect was defended in the court action by Philip S. Schultz of Los Angeles. Prosecuting for the state was Dep. District Attorney Edwin Meyers. Ramirez is a resident of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Wright is the mother of Robert Wright, Torrance police officer, and mother-in-law of Mrs. Carol Wright, police man in the swampy area, and apprehended Ramirez on Figueroa St., a mile from the scene.

Mrs. Wright was taken to the hospital suffering shock, possible skull fracture, and loss of five teeth.

Find Suspect Sheriff's from the Lennox and Firestone stations, Gardena and Los Angeles police officers launched an all-out manhunt in an early date, it was stated.



CRASH HALTS VACATION . . . Merle Baker, 17, and her nephew, Roy Huckabee, ponder the fate of the late model car in which they were riding after a motorcycle plowed into them at 164th St. and Crenshaw Blvd. Monday afternoon. Merle's brother, LeRoy, 12, and driver of the cycle were both taken to the hospital suffering lacerations. The Baker car was bound for Arlington, Calif., for a week's vacation.

Collision Halts Vacation Start For Family Here

A vacation jaunt was rudely interrupted Monday afternoon when a car load of women and children bound for Arlington, Calif., was involved in a serious traffic accident at 164th St. and Crenshaw Blvd.

Heading on a week's trip to Arlington were members of a family riding in a car driven by Mrs. Luik Baker, 52, of 4214 W. 161st St., when a motorcycle driven by Ronald L. Campbell, 34, of Manhattan Beach, crashed into the side of the sedan.

The impact caused glass to fly throughout the car and a splinter cut Ernest L. Baker, 12, who was sitting next to the window hit by the motorcyclist. Campbell apparently put his hands in front of his face seconds before he struck the car, possibly preventing his face and eyes from being severely hurt.

Campbell suffered lacerations of the face and hands, and bruises on his legs and arms. Ernest received a gashed head.

Riding with Mrs. Baker and her son were Miss Merle Baker, 17, daughter, Mrs. Ellen Huckabee, Miss Baker's sister, and Roy Huckabee, 12.

Traffic officer W. R. Lewis reported that witnesses said Campbell had just passed another car on the right side and turned his head to check the clearance when he collided with the Baker car.

Campbell and Ernest Baker were taken to Harbor General Hospital by F&M ambulance. The Bakers rescheduled their trip for the next day.

Would Raise Tax Rate by 3 Cents

Under study today by members of the City Council is a proposed city budget of \$1,013,973 for the fiscal year 1952-53 which was submitted Tuesday night by City Manager George Stevens.

If the councilmen accept the budget as presented, the city's tax rate will be hiked from the present \$1.12 to \$1.15 on each \$100 of assessed valuation.

"In conformance with established policy, this is a balanced budget," City Manager Stevens told the Council when he presented it. He explained that all operating expenses will be covered from the current income for the year.

Raised in the proposed budget was the tax rate for the general fund from \$0.96 per \$100 to \$0.985 and the library fund from \$0.04 to \$0.045. The retirement fund tax would remain at \$0.12.

Hearings Set Public hearings on the budget were set by Mayor Schwab on July 8 and July 22.

Greatest increases were given to the police, fire and building department. Under the proposed budget the police department would receive \$199,836 as compared to \$166,990 last year. The fire department would be raised from \$154,114 to \$182,198.

"To maintain the necessary services to the citizens of the community during the current period of rapid growth, it has been necessary to increase the number of personnel employed by the city," Stevens said.

Increases Compared "To indicate that the city has not over extended its personnel, it is interesting to note that, whereas the population of the city has increased 110 per cent during the past four years, the

New Miss Torrance To Get Vegas Trip

It's off to Las Vegas for the winner of the Miss Torrance contest.

And by air, yet! George Post, chairman of the 1952 Miss Torrance Contest, announced this week that arrangements have been completed to send the winner and a companion to Las Vegas and a companion to Las Vegas as a reward for being chosen Queen of Torrance.

"To win," says Post, "is as easy as turning on a smile. There are no tickets to sell and really very little effort required upon the part of the girl. Just smile pretty at the judges—and hope."

The contest this year is being sponsored by the Torrance Area Youth Band, Inc.

Although we are hopeful of raising enough funds to purchase more uniforms for our bands," says W. A. Bowen, president of the Youth Bands, Inc., "this year we are mostly concerned about generating interest in the 1953 Queen Contest."

"We hope that once the pretty girls in our town see what it means to be Queen of Torrance and how easy it is to win that next year we will have several hundred girls vying for the honor," stated Bowen.

Deadline for filing application blanks which must be signed by parents of minors is July 11 at 3 p.m.

Dates Announced Judging of the contest and choosing the queen will take place July 17 in the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

The coronation of the queen will take place at a ball for which plans are now being completed. The youth band group is hopeful that the sale of tickets to the Coronation Ball will help finance the purchase of uniforms.

Among the trips the queen will make as official representative of Torrance are all those made by the band such as the Santa Claus Parade in Hollywood and the Spanish Festival Days in Santa Barbara. Also slated for her majesty is a TV appearance on NTG's Hollywood Road to Fame. An expensive

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

Tax Assessor Asked to Check GP Assessments

County Tax Assessor John R. Quinn will be asked to check into the assessments levied on the huge General Petroleum refinery here, according to action taken by the City Council Tuesday evening.

Councilman Nick Dralle authorized the move when he said it looked funny to him that the assessed valuation of the plant kept going down while the refinery was constantly improving.

He entered a motion to hire someone to make "a certified investigation" of the situation for the city.

Coming to the support of Dralle but contending that the County Assessor was the proper authority to instigate such a check was Councilman Willis G. Blount. Blount was backed up in his comments by City Attorney James Hall who said a private investigation could be quite expensive.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.

In other actions, the council voted to protest in writing the proposed increase in rates to the Associated Telephone Co., and awarded contracts for pound service and dog license fees to the South Bay Humane Society.

Blount then moved to have the city request the County Assessor make such an investigation and his motion was seconded by Dralle. It carried unanimously.



BARBARA DELSIGNÉ



SHIRLEY JEAN ATCHLEY



(All Photos by Photo Arts) SYLVIA G. BELLWOOD



KAREN DEAN



SHIRLEY WHITE

A Penny Saved

It's really a penny earned, and in these budget-conscious days, every saved penny counts.

How about you, are you overlooking your family's bank account? Take a look around your garage or storeroom. You'll find many articles of value that can be sold for cash through a handy inexpensive want ad.

You'll find the Big "9" classified ads will do a big selling job for you at a price you can afford.

Try it today! You can place your ad by phone. Just call Torrance 444.

It's the Big "9" 22,868 Unduplicated Circulation

Your Ad will be published in all the following newspapers for just ONE LOW COST:

- Torrance Herald
- Lomita Light
- Walteria & Pacific News
- Harbor City Herald
- Neighborhood News
- Riviera-Seaside Sun
- North Torrance Times
- El Nido News
- Keystone Courier

For a friendly, courteous ad-writer who gladly helps you word your Ad, just call Torrance 444.

Elementary Summer School Sets Record

More than 1000 elementary students enrolled this week in the Elementary Summer School which opened at seven schools Monday morning, it was reported yesterday by Walter Rehbold, director of instruction for the Torrance Unified School District.

The enrollment represents a sizeable increase over last year's record 600 students—the largest summer elementary program in the state.

State Supported The program is entirely state supported on an average daily attendance (ADA) basis. Thirty teachers will hold classes from 8:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Monday through Friday, Rehbold said. Each teacher must have at least 30 students in the class.

About one-half of the instruction in the summer classes will be along academic lines, Rehbold explained. The balance will be made up of art, music, and physical education. The students

attending will receive no credits for the work completed.

Personal Guidance "The program does give all students a chance to take advantage of personal guidance in the courses offered," Rehbold said.

Enrollment at the various schools reported include Torrance Elementary 207, Seaside 189, Fern Avenue 186, Walteria 136, Perry 126, North Torrance 123, and Crenshaw 58.